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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**(North Dakota)** Over 10K gallons of oil, produced water spill near Keene. The North Dakota Industrial Commission, Oil and Gas Division reported July 20 that more than 10,000 gallons of an oil and produced water mixture spilled at a well site in McKenzie County following a piping connection leak. Officials stated over 9,500 gallons of the mixture have been recovered.

<http://www.fairfieldcitizenonline.com/news/article/Over-10K-gallons-of-oilproduced-water-spill-8399360.php>

**(National)** Enbridge reaches \$176M agreement for 2010 Michigan oil spill. The U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reached a \$176 million settlement with Enbridge Energy Partners July 20 following the release of at least 843,000 gallons of crude oil into the Kalamazoo River in Michigan in July 2010. Under the settlement, Enbridge must replace nearly 300 miles of pipeline between Neche, North Dakota, and Superior, Wisconsin, as well as develop measures to prevent future spills, detect leaks, and prepare for emergencies across Enbridge's Lakehead network that extends more than 2,000 miles across 7 States, among other requirements.

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/enbridge-reaches-176magreement-2010-michigan-oil-spill-40754722>

## **REGIONAL**

**(South Dakota)** Rain keeps Indian Canyon Fire in check. Crews worked July 17 to contain the nearly 12,000-acre Indian Canyon Fire burning southeast of Edgemont, South Dakota. <http://www.kotatv.com/content/news/Indian-Canyon-Fire-forces-evacuations387193902.html>

**(Wyoming)** Crash releases 10,000 gallons of crude near Rawlins. Crews were working July 18 to clean up approximately 10,000 gallons of crude oil that spilled onto the Interstate 80 on-ramp near Walcott Junction, Wyoming, July 16 after a Peterbilt Motor Company commercial truck transporting the oil tank overturned, spilling the oil on the roadway. [http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/crash-releases-gallons-of-crude-nearrawlins/article\\_1fadeb17-e93c-5dc1-a1ea-b40716fc2c6b.html](http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/crash-releases-gallons-of-crude-nearrawlins/article_1fadeb17-e93c-5dc1-a1ea-b40716fc2c6b.html)

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**(Wyoming) Cliff Creek Fire burning 6,700 acres.** Teton County Emergency Management issued an evacuation order July 18 for Granite Creek, including Granite Hot Springs and Campground, Jack Pine Summer Homes, and the Safari Club International due to the Cliff Creek Fire that has burned nearly 6,700 acres in Teton County, Wyoming. <http://www.eastidahonews.com/2016/07/evacuation-order-issued-teton-countywyoming-due-fire/>

**(Minnesota, Wisconsin) Storms leave thousands without power in Duluth area, Twin Cities.** Severe storms that moved through northeastern Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin July 21 knocked out power to approximately 55,000 customers following strong winds that took down power lines. <http://www.startribune.com/storms-leave-thousands-without-power-in-dulutharea-twin-cities/387774671/>

### **NATIONAL**

**(Louisiana) Baton Rouge shooting: 3 officers dead; shooter was Missouri man, sources say.** Louisiana State Police announced July 17 that a Missouri man shot and killed three police officers and wounded three others in Baton Rouge July 17 after ambushing the officers and causing a standoff. The suspect was killed in an exchange with police and authorities were continuing to investigate the incident. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/17/us/baton-route-police-shooting/>

**(National) Federal \$425 million settlement to reduce air pollution at 6 refineries.** The U.S. Justice Department and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reached a \$425 million settlement with Tesoro Corporation and Par Hawaii Refining, LLC July 18 resolving Federal Clean Air Act violations at 1 Par Hawaii refinery in Kapolei, Hawaii, and 5 Tesoro refineries in Alaska, Washington, Utah, North Dakota, and California. Under the consent decree, the companies are required to spend nearly \$403 million to install emissions control equipment at the refineries, and Tesoro must spend approximately \$12 million for environmental projects in communities harmed by the pollution, as well as pay a \$10.45 million civil penalty. <http://www.king5.com/tech/science/environment/federal-425-millionsettlement-to-reduce-air-pollution-at-6-refineries/276303234>

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**(National) Judge: FAA Has Authority To Bring Case Over Drone-Mounted Flame-Thrower.** Bloomberg News reports US District Court Judge Jeffrey Meyer on Monday ruled “the father and son who posted videos of drones firing a handgun and incinerating a Thanksgiving turkey with a flame-thrower can be questioned by aviation regulators.” The case is being “closely watched,” because its outcome “may determine” the extent of the Federal Aviation Administration’s “ability to oversee unmanned aircraft.” <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-07-19/case-of-drone-mounted-flame-thrower-may-test-u-s-faa-authority>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**(International) Europol: Deaths From Terrorism Skyrocket In Europe.** The AP reports Europol on Wednesday released a report finding that 151 people died from terrorist attacks in Europe in 2015, up from only four the previous year, as the agency warned that ISIL “may ‘put more emphasis on operations abroad’ as a Western military alliance puts it under pressure in Syria and Iraq.” The report said six EU nations faced a total of 211 failed, foiled, or successful terrorist attacks, with all but one of the fatalities resulting from Jihadi attacks. <http://www.chron.com/news/world/article/EU-police-agency-warns-of-extremist-threats-to-8397344.php>

**(International) State-Backed Hackers Are “Most Feared” By Cybersecurity Professionals.** Tech Insider reports state-backed hackers, known as “advanced persistent threat” actors, are the “most feared” hacker groups by cybersecurity professionals. Tech Insider says most APTs are interested in stealing secrets, and goes on to describe the difficulty in proving nation-state associations. Tech Insider says China harbors the largest number of state-backed hackers in the world. <http://www.techinsider.io/advanced-persistent-threats-2016-7>

## **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**Nothing Significant to Report**

## **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

**(Texas)** Pipeline leak near Exxon Mobil's Baytown plant prompts evacuations. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company officials shutdown two chemical product pipelines at its Baytown, Texas facility July 17 after a pipeline leaked dilute propylene, a highly flammable chemical outside of the facility, prompting authorities to evacuate nearby residents and issue a shelter-in-place warning. Officials were investigating the source of the release. <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Evacuation-ordered-in-Baytown-8383037.php>

## **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**(National)** Data breach hits 140 Cicis restaurants. Cicis restaurant reported July 19 that its point-of-sale (PoS) systems at 140 restaurant locations were compromised after a March 2016 investigation revealed that attackers installed malware in its PoS systems in order to collect customers' payment information. Officials stated select restaurant locations were breached in 2015, while most attackers gained access to the PoS systems in 2016. <http://www.securityweek.com/data-breach-hits-140-cicis-restaurants>

## **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

**(International)** Pokemon GO servers suffer DDoS attack at the hands of PoodleCorp. The popular gaming app, Pokemon GO, went offline for several hours July 16 due to a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack carried out by hacker group PoodleCorp. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/pokemon-go-servers-suffer-ddos-attack-at-thehands-of-poodlecorp-506386.shtml>

## **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**(National)** 308,000 Chevrolet Impalas recalled for faulty airbags. General Motors issued a recall July 21 for nearly 308,000 of its model years 2009 – 2010 Chevrolet Impala vehicles sold in the U.S. due to potentially faulty wiring that could prevent

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the vehicle from detecting when the passenger seat is occupied, thereby preventing the passenger air bags from inflating in the event of a crash.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/cars/2016/07/21/308000-chevroletimpalas-recalled-faulty-airbags/87414082>

### **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **ENERGY**

**(Alaska) Widespread outage leaves thousands of Alaskans without power Sunday.** Approximately 45,000 Chugach Electric Association Inc., customers in southcentral Alaska lost power July 17 after Municipal Light and Power and Chugach Electric experienced an issue with generation in the Anchorage Bowl, prompting officials to take power substations offline around the city to avoid overtaxing the system and to maintain system integrity.

<http://www.adn.com/alaska-news/2016/07/17/widespread-outage-leavesthousands-of-alaskans-without-power-sunday/>

**(Idaho) Massive power outage impacts three state region.** Crews worked July 19 to restore power to about 69,800 Idaho Falls Power, Rocky Mountain Power, Lower Valley Energy Inc., and Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative customers in east Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana who remained without service after a capacitor bank caught fire at the Goshen substation near Shelley, Idaho.

[http://www.kpvi.com/news/massive-power-outage-impacting-three-stateregion/article\\_f6fe884c-4e09-11e6-b10b-734def26ad5a.html](http://www.kpvi.com/news/massive-power-outage-impacting-three-stateregion/article_f6fe884c-4e09-11e6-b10b-734def26ad5a.html)

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## **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**(National)** ConAgra Foods recalls frozen chicken and beef products due to possible foreign matter contamination. ConAgra Foods Inc., expanded a previous recall July 15 to include an additional 191,791 pounds of its frozen chicken and beef entrée products sold in 9 variations due to potential contamination with metal fragments discovered after an establishment employee found metal fragments while dispensing sugar used to make the sauce during processing. There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions and the products were shipped to distributors and retail locations nationwide.

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-healthalerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-056-2016-release-expansion>

**(National)** Bar-S Foods Company recalls chicken and pork hot dog and corn dog products due to possible Listeria contamination. Bar-S Foods Company issued a recall July 19 for approximately 372,684 pounds of its chicken and pork hot dog and corn dog products sold in 5 variations due to potential Listeria monocytogenes contamination after recurring Listeria species were found at the firm. There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions and the products were distributed to retail locations nationwide.

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-healthalerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-061-2016-release>

**(National)** More than 600 sick in 45 States because of poultry pets. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the week of July 18 that a total of 611 people in 45 States have been sickened by 8 separate outbreaks of Salmonella since January. Officials stated the outbreaks are linked to contact with live poultry and backyard flocks.

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2016/07/more-than-600-sick-in-45-statesbecause-of-poultry-pets/#.V5C5EvkrKUK>

## **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(National)** DDoS attack takes down U.S. Congress Web site for three days. A U.S. Library of Congress spokesperson reported that the U.S. Library of Congress, U.S.



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Copyright Office, and U.S. Congress Web sites were inaccessible July 17 – July 20 following a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack involving a type of Domain Name System (DNS) attack that affected the infrastructure of the server hosting the Web sites. Officials reported the Web sites have recovered and no other U.S. Government portals appear to have been affected by the attack.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/ddos-attack-takes-down-us-congress-websitefor-three-days-506451.shtml>

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**(International) Ubuntu Forums hacked again, 2 million users exposed.** Canonical chief executive officer (CEO) reported that an attacker exploited a Structured Query Language (SQL) injection flaw in its Ubuntu Forums to access and download part of the Forums database, containing usernames, email addresses, and internet protocol addresses (IPs) for 2 million users. Canonical shut down the database, reset all users' passwords, and installed a Web application firewall after being notified that an individual was claiming to have a copy of the Forums database. <https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2016/07/18/ubuntu-forums-hacked/>

**(International) Locky ransomware gets offline encryption capabilities.** Security researchers from Avira discovered an update to the Locky ransomware that allows the ransomware to enter an offline encryption mode when it cannot connect to the command and control (C&C) server. The development mimics the Bart ransomware, in that it ensures that the ransomware can carry out malicious actions even when its Internet connectivity is blocked, making detection more difficult. <http://www.securityweek.com/locky-ransomware-gets-offline-encryptioncapabilities>

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**(New York) Police: woman stole over \$100,000 from hospital.** A former employee at United Memorial Medical Center (UMMC) in Batavia, New York, was charged July 14 after she allegedly stole over \$100,000 in medical supplies while working at the medical center and sold them via an online auction Web site.

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<http://www.wgrz.com/news/local/police-woman-stole-over-100000-fromhospital/276267720>

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**(National)** Southwest Airlines delay flights after computer issues. Southwest Airlines reported July 20 that up to 700 flights across its network were canceled and delayed due to multiple performance issues with its technology systems following an outage. Normal operations were expected to be restored July 21.  
<http://www.networkworld.com/article/3098307/southwest-airlines-delaysflights-after-computer-issues.html#jump>

## **WATER AND DAMS**

**(California)** Sewage spill in L.A. grows to 1.5 million gallons and forces closure of beaches in Long Beach. Crews worked overnight July 18 – July 19 to contain a sewage spill that released at least 1.5 million gallons of sewage into the Los Angeles River July 18 after the top of a sewer pipe collapsed, prompting the closure of all beaches in Long Beach. Officials were testing ocean water samples to ensure there were no health risks to the public.  
<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-sewage-spill-beaches-20160718snap-story.html>

**(Minnesota)** Duluth officials ask citizens to conserve water. Duluth city officials issued a water advisory July 21 asking residents to conserve water due to power outages at most lift stations and the main pumping station in the Lakewood area.  
<http://www.northlandsnewscenter.com/news/local/Duluth-officials-askcitizens-to-conserve-water-387793011.html>

## **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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